Executive Proclamation State of South Dakota Office of the Governor

Whereas, Arnold S. "Pete" Pederson is President of PAM Oil, Inc., PAM Fuels, Inc. and PAM Warehouse, Inc.; and,

Whereas, Pete started his career in gas and oil in 1950, in Watertown, South Dakota, with Webb Oil, and this association took him to Sioux Falls, San Antonio, Texas, and back to Sioux Falls in 1954 when he built his own station on West 12th Street, Pete's Mileage Service; and,

Whereas, In 1962, Pete started PAM Oil in his garage, moved the business to North Minnesota Avenue in 1965, and moved again in 1985 to the warehouse complex on Petro Avenue, and currently supplies the Upper Midwest from Boise, Idaho, to Chicago, Illinois, providing several kinds of petroleum products; and,

Whereas, In 1979, Pete became active in the distribution of ethanol, pumping the first gallon from his Sioux Falls station on July 14; and,

Whereas, Pete has served his community and the state well as a member of numerous boards and organizations, and is known for doing business on a hand shake; and,

Whereas, Pete's honesty and integrity have made him a deserving recipient of the South Dakota Sales and Marketing Executive of the Year Award for 2007, which will be presented to him on May 15, 2007:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim May 15, 2007, as

ARNOLD S. "PETE" PEDERSON DAY

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this First Day of May in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Seven.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State